

## National Park Service Survey and Planning Grants

Each year the Division of Historic Preservation distributes an allocation of federal funds for Survey and Planning projects through a competitive grants process. These funds are from the National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior. The focus of the grant proposals should be related to on-going state and federally mandated programs and initiatives that are outlined in the [Louisiana Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan](#). These initiatives include:

- Regional, parish, and local historic standing structure surveys of properties fifty years and older, development of historic structure reports, or the enhancement of properties relating to Louisiana's significant architectural tradition;
- Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) Program, using HABS as an educational tool for the cultural economy, highlighting issues such as traditional design and building practices, cultural and historic trends and traditions;
- The Main Street historic downtown economic revitalization program through the state's federally created Certified Local Government (CLG) Program, with special emphasis on developing the newly initiated Main Street Program as a hurricane recovery measure.

Typical recipients include historical organizations, parish governments, economic development districts, planning commissions, museum houses, state agencies, municipal governments, educational institutions and historic district commissions. Typical projects include public education proposals, survey projects in which every building over 50 years old in a given geographical region is recorded and mapped, publications, projects to develop nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, and Historic American Buildings Survey projects in which architecture students develop measured drawings of important and/or endangered buildings. **These funds must be matched by non-federal monies on at least a 50/50 basis, though grantees may elect to overmatch. In addition, funds are distributed on a reimbursable basis, i.e., the recipient makes an expenditure and is subsequently reimbursed up to half of that expenditure, once the necessary billing documentation is received.** This year the grants selection process is being streamlined. **Grant application packets are due and must be postmarked by March 13, 2009.** Grant awards will be announced in June; grant projects will begin July 1, 2009 and must end by June 30, 2010.

[Click here for the National Park Service Survey and Planning Funds, 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Grant Application.](#)